President.—That is your point. The Chief Engineer's point differs from yours. What are we to do when there is such difference of opinion?

Mr. George Chakyamuri.— I am asking the P. W. D. Member whether he has got any reason to say that the people in that locality won't have wheeled traffic when there is a road, whether his statement is based upon any reason or fact.

President.—I don't think he will give a statement without reasons. He will have his own reasons.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—I am asking the member for those reasons so that I may be enlightened on the subject.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Generally, we don't have metalled roads in places riddled with canals and liable to inundations. I don't think cart traffic would become popular there.

President.—So far as Cranganur is concerned, Mr. Padmanabha Menon will tell us what benefit we can expect from such roads.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Not the least benefit, Sir.

Mr. George Chakyamuri. It is absolutely impossible for the pedestrians to go from Pallivirutti, as the condition of the road is such. He must have known about the condition of the road near the temple, which is almost like a desert. It is impossible to walk through the place in mid-noon—the place extending from Pallivirutti temple to the south. So unless there is some improvement, it would be impossible for the pedestrians to walk along that road.

President.—I was there some days back, and I found it difficult to walk from that place to the Ezhuva School. Mr. Matthai was with me, and we had to walk in the hot sun. The Mattancheri Municipality had an idea of extending its limits further south so as to take in all those places within the Municipal limits. That is likely to improve matters.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—The idea had been in the air for a long time, but it has not materialised.

President.—Things are taking such a long time to mature. We want to execute them at once, but we are not able to accomplish them so soon.

345. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will the Government be pleased to further state whether it will consider the feasibility of taking immediate action in the matter of opening

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at least one metalled road as a continuation of the present Pallivirutti Municipal road right through Kumbalanghi up to the limits of Cochin State in Chellanam?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is not possible now to open the road, as it involves the construction of a costly bridge which the present finances of the State do not permit. The Panchayat Department will be directed to open earthen roads in the villages as funds permit.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.— Whether the Government can at least extend the Pallivirutti road up to the southernmost limits of Pallivirutti is my question, and the statement is that there is the question of constructing a big bridge which the Government is not at present in a position to do.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That will be considered.

The number of culverts in the Cranganur Taluk.

346. Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of culverts constructed by Government in the Cranganur Taluk in the year 1100? Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the fact that those culverts do not serve any drainage purposes? If not, will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Seven culverts were constructed. Government understand that they do serve the intended purpose.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—As I am in a position to assure you, Sir, that 4 of these culverts do not serve their purpose, will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter during the winter season? I do not know whose fault it is. But the result is that water is collecting round these culverts and the surrounding places so that there is no proper drainage. Some petitions have been submitted to the Deputy Tahsildar there regarding this matter, but I do not know the fate of these petitions.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Which are these four culverts?

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—One in front of the public offices, one just to the west of it, a third to the south-west of it and a fourth at the southern end of the Sringapuram Bazaar. As I understand, the difficulty arose this way. The culverts and places for locating them were planned during the summer season, and it was not possible to know how they would fare during the

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